

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

ENDOH et al.

Serial No. 09/925,952

Filed: August 10, 2001

For: A SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY AND ITS
PRODUCTION PROCESS



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Group: 2815

Examiner: Nguyen, J.

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ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002 holding the subject matter of claims 1-19 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 20-28, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group I, (upon which claims 1-19 are readable) for further substantive examination.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment 28 minus highest number
previously paid for 28 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment 4 minus highest number
previously paid for 4 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00 \$ 0.00

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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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